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TO : Amembassy, TOKYO

FROM : Department of ~~State~~

SUBJECT : Consular Convention with Japan

611.94421/11-1562

REF : Embassy's A-672 of November 15, 1962 and
Embassy's A-695 of November 16, 1962; 611.94421/11-1662
Embassy's A-764 of November 26, 1962 611.94421/11-2662

The Department is pleased to note that agreement ad referendum has now been obtained upon the consular convention with Japan, after nine long years of negotiation. The Embassy negotiators are commended for their diligent and detailed work in guiding the negotiations to fruition.

The Department must now seek approval of the draft convention within the Department and then the Executive Branch, including the views of the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Justice, and Treasury, and finally obtain the formal Circular 175 approval for signature of the convention. This process, even if no problems arise, may well take some time. The Embassy negotiators, in advising the Foreign Office of the approval process which has been indicated above, may wish to determine whether the convention should be signed in Tokyo or in Washington. The Foreign Office should be advised that it is usual to have the signing take place at one capital, and the exchange of ratifications at the other. If the place of signature is to be at Tokyo, it would be expected that the Foreign Office would handle the necessary engrossing of the final draft. At a later date, the Department will despatch necessary technical details as to engrossing and signing of the convention, if the place of signature is to be Tokyo.

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